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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For: DERIVATISED ANTIBODIES WITH EXPOSED CARBOHYDRATE CHAINS CAPABLE OF BINDING TO IMMOBILISED IGG

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir.

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. The Amendments merely conform the claims to U.S. practice with respect to claim dependency issues and introduce no new matter. Support for the amendments is replete throughout the specification and claims as filed.

3 (Amended). The method of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the method includes the step of using B-galactosidase to remove terminal galactose residues from the precursor antibody.

4 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the chemical derivatising step comprises thiolating the antibody in the presence of carbonate.

5 (Amended). The method of claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the method includes the step of separating derivatised antibodies which can associate with one

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